Financial aids under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi

2495. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people suffering from cancer, AIDS and kidney related diseases are eligible for financial assistance under Rashitriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN);

(b) the details of patients got financial assistance under RAN in the State of Andhra Pradesh since its inception, year-wise; and

(c) what is the eligibility criteria for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN), financial assistance is provided to poor patients living "Below Poverty Line" (BPL) suffering from major life threatening diseases and receiving medical treatment at any Government Hospital; while Cancer and Kidney related diseases are covered, AIDS as such is not covered under this scheme. In Andhra Pradesh, there is a State Illeness Assistance Fund to which Central Government makes contribution and patients from Andhra Pradesh requiring financial assistance up to Rs. 1.50 lakhs get the same from State Level Fund. So far there has been no case of any patient belonging to Andhra Pradesh getting assistance from the Central Committee of RAN.

Cheap treatment to village people

†2496. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of growing influence of private sector in the system of medicine, overhauling of existing health policy is required in order to provide cheap and effective treatment to common man at village areas in the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.